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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents **Box RCE** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before taking any action, in response to the Final Office Action dated July 18. 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.